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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of ) Confirmation No.: 9828  
Ricardo Alexander Gomez )  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ) Art Unit: 3739  
PROTECTING THE DISTAL LENS OF )  
ENDOSCOPES ) Examiner: B. M. Flanagan  
Serial No.: 10/826,869 )  
Filed on: April 16, 2004 )  
 ) (Docket No. 5285-0002)

Hartford, Connecticut, January 17, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
AND  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Applicant requests a one-month extension of time, to January 30, 2006, for filing a Response to the Office Action of September 30, 2005.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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**Remarks** begin on page 5.

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